

CONGRATULATING STEPHEN
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HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Dr. Stephen G. Johnson, a researcher at Idaho National Laboratory (INL). At its recent annual meeting in Washington, D.C., the American Nuclear Society (ANS) honored Dr. Johnson as a Fellow, which is the highest member status presented to an individual. Dr. Johnson was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments in nuclear science and technology, specifically highlighting his work in rebuilding the national radioisotope power system program for NASA's deep space exploration.

Dr. Johnson holds a bachelor's degree with a double major in mathematics and chemistry from Lake Superior State University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Iowa State University. He currently serves as the director of the Space Nuclear Power and Isotope Technologies Division at INL's Materials and Fuels Complex.

During his tenure at INL, Dr. Johnson has successfully reestablished the Radioisotope Power Systems program, initiated the Technical Integration Office for Radioisotope Power Systems, and most recently named the National Technical Director, for the Department of Energy's (DOE) national Space Nuclear Power program. Steve and his staff focus on cross-cutting initiatives, mission planning scenarios for nuclear power systems for DOE customers, such as NASA, and providing resources for various other needs for DOE's Space Nuclear Power department.

For the last few years, Steve has been a regular visitor to Capitol Hill, presenting an overview of the Department of Energy space power work for NASA at lunches hosted by the Foundation For Nuclear Studies. This summer, my staff and I had the pleasure of visiting Dr. Johnson in his facility where they were assembling the radioisotope thermoelectric generator that will power the Mars 2020 Rover.

It is a great privilege to congratulate Dr. Stephen G. Johnson on receiving this prestigious recognition, and I am grateful for his exceptional work in the field of nuclear science and technology. His accomplishments are a reminder of the many skilled researchers and scientists currently working and living in Idaho. Congratulations to Steve on his accomplishments and I thank him for all of his hard work.

CAMERON MILLER PRESERVING
THE MEMORIES OF A WORLD
WAR II VETERAN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight CW39 Director of Operations Cameron Miller's effort to preserve history and the memory of those who served our nation in combat.

Cameron recently took a trip to New Orleans and visited the World War II museum,

bringing with him a box from home full of old wartime photos from a family friend and WWII veteran named Jack. While there, he learned about the history contained within the pictures and how to ensure their stories can be passed down for generations to come.

Cameron then shared his story on television, instructing others on the importance of preserving pictures and other key items from our history so that the service of veterans is remembered for generations.

I thank Cameron for honoring our veterans' service in the best way possible—by preserving their memories and sharing their stories. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, he makes Texas and our veteran community proud.

ADVANCING MUTUAL INTERESTS
AND GROWING OUR SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 565, "The Advancing Mutual Interests and Growing Our Success Act" or AMIGOS Act.

Despite deep ties with Portugal, it remains one of only five EU countries whose citizens are ineligible for E-1 and E-2 visas.

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, nationals of countries with which the United States maintains a treaty of commerce and navigation may be admitted temporarily to the United States to engage in international trade, an E-1 visa, or to develop and direct an investment enterprise, E-2 visa.

E-1 and E-2 visas may be granted to individual traders and investors or to employees of organizational traders and investors.

Applicants for E-1 and E-2 visas must generally demonstrate the existence of a bilateral treaty of commerce and navigation between the applicant's country of nationality and the United States.

Some treaties allow for the admission of both E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants, while others allow for the admission of only E-1 or E-2 nonimmigrants.

In addition, the visa applicant must be a national of the treaty country.

If the applicant is an employee of an organizational trader or investor, both the applicant and the organization must possess the nationality of the treaty country.

The nationality of the organization is determined by the nationality of the individual owners—at least 50 percent of the organization must be owned by nationals of the treaty country.

The enterprise must be more than marginal and must generate income beyond that which is required to provide a minimal living for the investor and their family.

An individual investor must be coming to the United States to develop and direct the business.

An applicant who is an employee of an organizational trader or investor must be coming to the United States to fulfill an executive or supervisory position or possess skills that are essential to the firm's U.S. operations.

Spouses and minor children accompanying or following to join the principal E-1 or E-2

nonimmigrant will be admitted for the same period of stay as the principal trader or investor.

Congress has the ability to take action to improve the historical relationship between the United States and Portugal.

If H.R. 565 is enacted, Portuguese nationals would become eligible for E-1 and E-2 visas, but only after an agreement for reciprocal treatment between Portugal and the United States is finalized.

In 2012, Congress passed—and the president signed into law—H.R. 3992 to permit Israeli nationals to participate in the E-2 treaty investor program. However, Israeli nationals did not have the ability to apply for E-2 visas until May 1, 2019, when an agreement with Israel was finalized and took effect.

It was favorably reported by the House Judiciary Committee without amendment by voice vote; passed by the House on motion to suspend the rules (371 to 0) and passed by the Senate, without amendment, by Unanimous Consent.

Similarly, S. 2245, the "Knowledgeable Innovators and Worthy Investors (KIWI) Act," became law on August 1, 2018, but New Zealanders were unable to apply for E-1 and E-2 visas until June 10, 2019 when an agreement for reciprocal treatment took effect.

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The last two bills to add countries to the E-1 and E-2 visa programs passed Congress without controversy.

Portugal is a longstanding United States ally, with "bilateral ties dating from the earliest years of the United States, when Portugal recognized the United States in 1791 following the Revolutionary War."

The United States is also Portugal's largest trading partner outside the European Union (EU), with bilateral trade in goods and services reaching \$8 billion in 2018, a 9 percent increase from the previous year.

Similarly, U.S. direct investment in Portugal reached \$2.1 billion in 2017, with U.S. companies playing a significant role, investing in the Portuguese banking, pharmaceutical, and chemical industries.

Both countries have also agreed to a bilateral income tax agreement to prevent double taxation.

Portuguese participation in the E-1 and E-2 visa programs will deepen an already strong bilateral trade and investment relationship, and benefit business communities in both countries.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 565, "The Advancing Mutual Interests and Growing Our Success Act" or AMIGOS Act.

HONORING DALE WILKERSON FOR
HIS SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of an upstanding American citizen, Dale Wilkerson.